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Remarks

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-16 and 18-21 are allowed.

Claims 3 and 19-21 are allowable except for various formal matters.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner for indicating that claims 3 and 19-21 are in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Applicant has amended claims 3 and 19-21 as suggested by the Examiner.

Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-16 and 18-21. Applicant believes that the record of the prosecution as a whole, including Applicant's specification and claims, provides additional reasons for allowance. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance do not necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why the claims are allowed and, therefore, should not be used to interpret the scope of the claims in place of the record of the prosecution as a whole.

Furthermore, Applicant wishes to clarify that the features listed in the Examiner's reasons of allowable subject matter (page 3 of Office Action) relate to independent claim 1. Applicant submits that independent claims 11, 16 and 18 are allowable because the prior art of record fails to teach the respective combinations of features recited in these claims.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the application are allowable. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner still believes that there are unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to call Eamon Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that arrangements may be made to discuss and resolve any such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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